

A wide-angle photograph of the St. Louis skyline across the Mississippi River. The Gateway Arch is the central focus, with various city buildings and a bridge visible in the background under a clear blue sky.

2009 Freshwater Spills Symposium *Call for Papers*

Emerging Issues in Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response

The U S EPA Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is pleased to host the seventh Freshwater Spills Symposium (FSS) April 28-30, 2009*, in St. Louis, Missouri. **The goal of the FSS is to facilitate sharing of information within the freshwater oil spill community to expand the resources and information available. We invite you to submit a paper and/or presentation to be considered for presentation at the 2009 FSS.** We recommend that you choose a topic from the list of "Suggested FSS Paper Topics," as the sessions will follow these subjects. However, closely related subjects will also be considered. We are looking forward to the participants imparting their experiences and knowledge of planning, preventing, and responding to freshwater oil spills.

Suggested FSS Paper Topics

- ♦ Aboveground Storage Tanks—Industry Standards and State Issues
- ♦ Area Planning
- ♦ Barge Response
- ♦ Biofuels Spill Prevention and Response
- ♦ Border Issues
- ♦ Case Studies/Lessons Learned
- ♦ Chemical and Biological Countermeasures
- ♦ Cleanup Techniques and Costs
- ♦ Cold Weather Oil Spill Prevention and Response
- ♦ Contingency Planning Challenges
- ♦ Drills and Exercises
- ♦ Emergency Preparedness and Planning
- ♦ Environmental Impacts in Freshwater Areas
- ♦ Equipment and Contract Management
- ♦ Facility Response Plan (FRP)
- ♦ Inland In-Situ Burning
- ♦ International Freshwater Spill Issues
- ♦ Natural, Cultural, and Wildlife Resources
- ♦ Natural Resource Restoration
- ♦ Net Environmental Benefits of Response
- ♦ Oil Production Areas
- ♦ Oil Spill Prevention Measures
- ♦ Oiled Wildlife Issues
- ♦ Opportunities for Science
- ♦ Pipelines
- ♦ Recent Hurricane and Flood Response
- ♦ Response Issues with Local and State Agencies
- ♦ Response Strategies in Inland Areas (Fast Water Response)
- ♦ Risk Assessment
- ♦ Sediments and Toxicity
- ♦ Shoreline Impacts, Response, and Damage Assessment
- ♦ Spill, Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC)
- ♦ Status of National Inland Petroleum Infrastructure: Product, Transportation, and Storage
- ♦ Submerged Oil and Drinking Water
- ♦ Technology as Preparedness and Response Tools (Response and/or Prevention Technologies)
- ♦ Tribal Environmental Issues

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Abstract Submissions

Please submit your abstract of no more than 250 words, along with the presenter information listed below, to freshwaterspills09@sra.com by January 1, 2009. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Abstracts should provide an accurate outline of the ideas that will be included in your presentation. All submitters will be notified of EPA's selection decision by January 12, 2009.

Paper/Presentation Submissions

Selected presenters will be asked to provide a draft of their presentation by February 12, 2009. Presentations will then be reviewed and feedback will be provided to the presenters by March 4, 2009. Final presentation submissions are due by April 1, 2009.

Presentations should be submitted in MS PowerPoint format. If an author chooses to do a paper in addition to a presentation, the paper should be submitted in MS Word and be 10-15 pages in length, double-spaced. All final submissions will be available on the FSS Web site following the Symposium, unless the author(s) request that they be excluded.

Presenter Information

The due date for abstract submission is January 1, 2009. The following information is to be included with all FSS abstract submissions and sent to freshwaterspills09@sra.com:

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| • First Name | • Phone Number |
| • Last Name | • Fax Number |
| • Organization | • Email Address |
| • Address | • Applicable Presentation Topic(s) |

Important Dates to Remember

January 1, 2009	Abstracts Due
January 12, 2009	Reviewers Accept/Decline Notification
February 12, 2009	Draft Presentations Due
March 4, 2009	Reviewers Comments on Draft Presentations to Author(s)
April 1, 2009	Final Presentations Due

Location

We are negotiating with a downtown St. Louis hotel. Updated information will be sent in the registration reminder e-mail and posted on the FSS Web site located at <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/fss/index.htm>

* Symposium will be held April 28-30, 2009, with free short courses taking place on Monday, April 27, 2009. Participants must register for the Symposium and short courses to attend sessions.

For more information on presenting at the 2009 FSS contact:

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